THE ANNUAL REPORT

NINETY-SEVEN A PROSPEROUS YEAR

ON ONE OF WEST VIRGINIA'S MOST PROGRESSIVE RAILROAD CORPORATIONS-A DECREASE IN GROSS EARNINGS MORE THAN COMPENSATED BY A RE-DUCTION IN OPERATING EX-PENSES-THERE WAS A CON-SIDERABLE INCREASE INTRAF FIG IN BOTH FREIGHT AND PASSENGER DEPARTMENTS.

The annual report of the president o the Ohio River Railway Company, H. H. Regers, of New York, has been com pleted, and a very good showing is made by the company for the year 1897. Gross earnings decreased slightly, but this was more than compensated by a reduction in operating expenses. Both in the pas senger and freight departments there were increased in traffic compared with 1895. A synopsis of President Rogers report follows:

Gross earnings\$965,196 968,670 \$3,47. Operating expenses. 623,297 641,670 18,62 Net earnings\$341,899 \$328,745 *\$15,154

Charges, rentals, etc., absorbed \$315,404 in 1837, leaving \$28,495 surplus to be carried to credit of profit and loss. The general balance sheet shows no special changes. Floating debt is \$421,115, and offsets therefor \$80,857.

Fresident Rogers summarizes his report in the following statement: "While the gross earnings show a slight decrease for the year, this has been more than compensated by a reduction in the expenses of operation, so that the net revenue is materially larger than the previous year. The curtailment of expenses has not impaired the condition of the railway or its equipment."

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Passenger—
Earnings from pas'gers. \$70,096
Earn'ngs mail and express 37,440
Tot earn'ngs pas'ger trains 447,733
Number pas'gers carried 499,249
Pas'gers carried one mile.14,668,595
Miles each pas'ger carried 29,4
Earnings per passenger, 74,110 cents

Earnings per passenger
per mile, cents

Expenses per passenger
per mile, cents run by passenger

77,588

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Earnings freight trains .. \$542,889 Earnings freight trains cents Expenses per ton per mile Miles run by fright trains 316 869 Earnings per train mile cents

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furniture Wines and liquors Merchandise

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. An Expected Contest that Turned On

WINONO LAKE, Ind., May 20 .- The Presbyterian general assembly had its first surprise to-day. Lignining struck where it was not expected. It had been supposed that the report of the committee on the relations of synods and the home board in prosecution of home missions would occasion a contest, but it did not. Dr. Withrow, chairman of the committee to devise a harmonious the committee to devise a harmonious plan of co-operation, carried his report through without material opposition and without conflict. The active discussion of the day came in connection with the report on Sabbath observance. Applause punctuated the report and a lively discussion followed. The following resolution was adopted:

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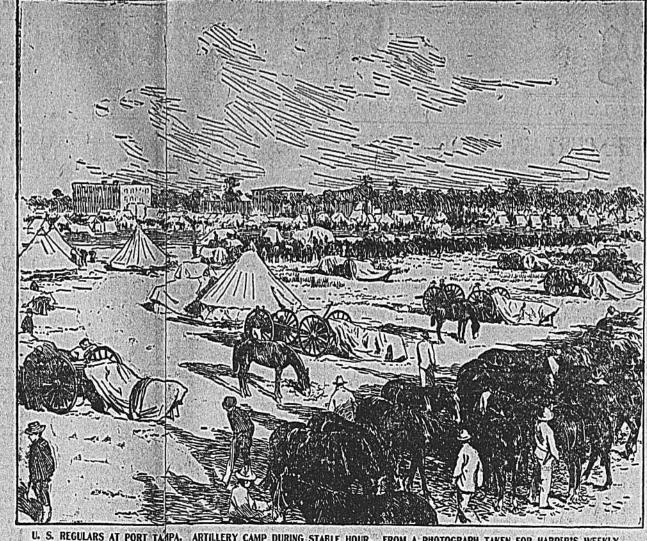
to the directors of the trans-Missispip exposition to be opened at Omaha on June 1st, to decide that its doors shall not be opened to the public on the Lord's day, and to announce the decision so that the public conscience shall be at rest on the subject."

During the day the assembly took up the miscellaneous business while walting for the preparation of the reports of the standing committees, which were announced at the morning session. Saturday morning the regular order will be taken up in relation to the board of relief, and the afternoon will be devoted to a patriotic service.

The chairmen of standing committees to report on work of boards of church, were announced. Governor James A. Mount, of Indiana, was named as vice mederator. The principal chairmen were as follows;

Bills and overtures, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, ex-moderator; judicial business, Dr. J. C. Patterson, New Jorsey; home missions, Dr. John Dixon, Trenton; education, Dr. Thomas D. Wallace, Chicago; publication, Dr. John R. Davies, New York; church election, Dr. B. W. Perry, California; theological seminaries, Dr. Wm. C. Roberts, New York; ministerial relief, Dr. Heary C. Cook, Philadelphia; freemen, Dr. W. K. Spencer, Michigan; aid for colleges, Dr. Geo. D. Burroughs, Wabash college, Indiana; temperance, Dr. David Wills, Pennsylvania; narrative, Dr. E. M. Whersy, missionary in India.

After the noon recess the assembly referred a number of overtures to thappropriate committees and then tool up the matter of the relations of the committee explained the purpose of the report, saying it was an effort to harmogize



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the methods of work now in use, with a view to uniformity of practice.

Fear had been expressed that the board might be abolished under the present plans of synodical control. This was not the intention of the committee since the work of the board was national in its scope. At the same time the object was to secure the largest liberty to the synods with the greatest erry to the synods with the greatest. erty to the synods with the greatest amount of general control. This would be attained by means of the reports made to the board by the synods to be presented to the general assembly by the board. Appropriations for the work in the weaker syneds would be made. in the weaker synods would be made in a bulk and the distribution of funds a bulk and the distribution of funds made by such bodies. The various phases of the plan received discussion, but all the objections were courteously met by the chairman of the committee and finally all the recommendations were adopted without any material thange.

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After sending fraternal greetings to the Southern and Cumberland Presbyterian churches, the matter of Sabbath observation was taken up. The report was read by Dr. I. W. Hathaway, of Jersey City.

A protest was made against the danger and evil of desecrations of the Lord's day and various resolutions were offered, two of which were adopted, the first declaring the Sabbath to the first declaring the Sabbath to be of perpetual obligation by law of the were present. After a brief session is men were present. After a brief session is washedded to remain an independent

NO MORE POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Law was a Dead Letter, but It Looks Better Wiped Out. Special Dispatch to the Intelligen

tween "the sections" in this country by G35,02

Patriotic Women.

CINCINNATI, May 20.—Patriotle feeling has risen to such a pitch here that leading women are persistently re-

MASSACHUSETTS.

NOT IN THE GUARD Vheeling Volunteers Share the Local Prejudice Against

THE STATE'S NATIONAL GUARD

AND DECIDE TO SEEK A PLACE IN COLONEL CURTIN'S PROPOS-ED REGIMENT OF VOLUN-TEERS-THE COMPANY'S AC-TION PRACTICALLY SETTLES IT THAT IT WILL NOT SEE SER-VICE IN THIS WAR, FOR ALL

were offered, two of which were adopted, the first declaring the Sabbath to be of perpetual obligation by law of God, and the other recommending that the Omaha exposition be closed on Sunday. Sunday travel by ministers came to the front and was decounced. Resolutions on the subject were presented and finally, after some hours of discussion, the whole matter was referred back to the committee for further consideration and further report.

A resolution urging that President McKinley order that no unnecessary Sabbath work be done by the army and navy in the present war, and that pattles be not begun on Sunday, met with decided opposition and was finally laid upon the table, after having been loaded to the limit with amendments. One commissioner protested that the assembly should not advertise its folly by adopting the proposed resolutions.

NO MORE POLITICAL DISABILITIES might be some scheme to work them into the National Guard. He expressed
his determination thusly: "I am willing
to lay down my life for my country,
but I'll never go in any state troops to
shoot down a brother workingman. I
cerm my bread by the sweat of my
brow, and won't shoulder a musket to
shoot another workingman."

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—The shoot another workingman."

This prejudice against the National guard, so evident in Wheeling, was towards the restoration of harmony between "the sections" in this country by present. There were a few, however, the abolition of that clause in the con-

Effected for Flag Presentation Ceremo nles at St. Mary's School.

The committee having in charge the Decoration day flag ceremonies at St. fusing goods known to be of French manufacture. Merchants have found it to their advantage to remove French labels whenever practicable.

Mary's school, has not yet completed the programme of exercises. Mr. John A. Howard will be one of the speakers, and all the Catholic societies have been in-

vited to participate by Mullen division Vice to participate by Mullen division A. O. H.; which is superintending the arrangements. The flag is the gift of Mr. Lawrence Ray, who will present it at the school that afternoon, after the parade, which starts from the Cathedral high school at 2 o'clock.

The flag will be blessed in the morning at 10 o'clock, at high mass, in the

ing at 10 o'clock, at high mass, in the urch of the Immaculate Conception, by Bishop Donahue.

FLAG RAISINGS Frequent at Benwood-Dr. Ulrich to

Speak at One Monday. Flag raising are the order of the day and at on place is this truer than Benwood, where the several departments of the industrial plants vie with each other

the industrial plants vie with each other in trying to put forward the best flas. To-day flags will be raised at the Riverside blast furnace and plate mill, and next week at the tube works. The Baltimore & Ohio round house, at Benwood Junction, will shortly be decorated with a flag by the employes, and the Wheeling steel workers are getting ready to raise one over the Benwood plant in a few days.

At Cillebrad's glue factory in Upper few days.

At Gilleland's glue factory, in Upper

Benwood, Monday there will be a fing raising, and it will be made the occasion of more than ordinary interest. Dr. C. F. Ulrich will make the address. A NEW REGIMENT

Of West Virginia Volunteers Will b Formed-Governor Atkinson Negotiates a Loan with a Wheeling Bank to Equip the Regiment.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 20.-There is rejoicing among those who were unable to get into the ranks at the first call for troops by the announcement that Governor Atkinson will call for a provisional regiment to be known as the Second infantry regiment of volumbers. The total of public works met this morning, all members being present except Auditor Lafoliette, and authorized the governor to borrow from the irreducible school fund \$15,000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the recruiting regiment, also to properly equip the same. They also gave him authority to borrow more money, at his discretion, if necessary, to furnish the volunteers with clothing and supplies.

Auditor Lafoliette refused to honor

"Mas it a signal order:
"No, we were near enough to the Willmington so that they shouted it to us from the deck through the megaphone."
"Do you remember the words of the command and who gave them?"
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Auditor Latollette refused to honor the firing?"

Auditor Latollette refused to honor the order, giving as his reason that the board had no right to act unless there ond story of the store house just head;

Col. D. T. E. Casteel, assistant adjutant general, will be selected as colonely and it is said that Howard Atkinson, son of the governor, will be one of the majors. A company has already been formed here, which is captained by S. Brashaer Avis, a clerk in District Attorney Gaines' office. The first lieutenancy will go to Henry Fry, of the firm of Chiton, MacCorkle & Chilton, Italian and the colonely have been adjusted and equipped. It is thought the Second regiment will be composed of the finest, and will cast out the best young men.

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THE FLYING SQUADRON.

A THRILLING RECITAL

of the Unfortunale Engagement of th Torpedo Boat Winslow, off Cardenas by One of the Survivors-Some Pathetic

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KEY WEST, Fia., May 20.—For an

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KEY WEST, Fla., May/20.—For an hour before the passenger steamer Key West left her dock for Tampa a man wearing the uniform of a naval seaman sat wearily against a great bale of cordage looking out past the harbor and the distant keys toward the gulf. He was Wm. Hearn, of Brooklyn, and one of the survivors of the torpedo boat Winslow's crew which passed through the terrible storm of shot and shell that poured in from the Spanish batteries in the bay of Cardenas. He was going home on a furlough for rest. Beside him, in a bright tin case, was the Winslow on the day of the battle by shrieking and chattering like a demon during the whole engagement.

By degrees and after much questionin, O'Hearn told of the brave conduct of the gunboat Hudson's crew in getting the Winslow out of her perilous situation. That story was fully told on the day after the battle.

O'Hearn is thirty-five years of age and has served eighteen years in the United States navy. He went on the Winslow last January, and had previously served eighteen years in the United States navy. He went on the Winslow last January, and had previously served with the deck was very hot and his flesh had been almost roasted. He also complained that his neck was cramped, but did not seem to feel his terrible evands. We moved him into an easier position and gave him some water. Thank you, str. he sald, and in five seconds was off. Then O'Hearn told of the brave conduct.

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in. O'Hearn told the whole story of the battle and no doubt his account of the engagement is the most correct in de-

engagement is the most correct in de-tail of any given yet. "From the very beginning," he said,
"I think every man on the boat be-lieved that we fould not escape being sunk, and that is what would have hap-pened had it not been for the bravery of the boys on the Hudson, who worked for over an hour under the most terrific fire to get us out of range."
"Were you ordered to so in there?" he 'Were you ordered to go in there?" he

was asked "Yes, just before we were fired upor the order was given from the Wilming-

"Was it a signal order?"
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the abolition of that clause in the consistiution which imposes a penalty for alleged political derelection. The senate has already adopted a resolution of the fourteenth amendment, imposing political disabilities, and the house judity dissent. The boys appear eager to go to the fourteenth amendment, imposing political disabilities, and the house judity dissent. The boys appear eager to go to the fourteenth amendment, imposing political disabilities, and the house judity dissent. The boys appear eager to go to the front, but will hardly go otherwise than an independent regiment to be mustered into the federal service direct, a step which doesn't seem very, likely at possibly section 3 shall be removed. The povision is a dead letter, there being now no one upon whom it imposes a restriction, but Congress being now no one upon whom it imposes a restriction, but Congress between the source.

Who wanted to join the Guard, and said the order, glving as his reason that the board had no right to act unless there when they signed the roll said had no right to act unless there board had no right to act unless there board had no right to act unless there when they signed had no right to act unless there board had no right to act unless there board had no right to act unless there when they signed had no right to act unless there board had no right to act unless there when they signed had no right to act unless there when they signed had no right to act unless there when had no right to act unless there when they signed had no right to act unless there when they signed had no right to act unless there when they signed had no right to act unless there of the board had no right to act unless there of the board had no right to act unless there of the board had no right to act unless the red had no right to act unless there of the board had no right to act unless there of the board had no right to act unless th us that the boys threw their hands to their heads every time a shell went over But they soon came so fast and so clos that it was a roaring, shricking, crash ing hell. I can describe it no other way." "Where was your position."

went on deck when the battle began. John Varvares, the oller, John Donlef and John Meek, the firemen, were both on watch with me and had they remained below they would probably not have been killed. After the firing began I went below again to attend to the boilers, and a few minutes later a solld shot came croshing through the side of the boat and into the boiler, where it exploded and destroyed seventy of the boiler tubes. At first it, stunned me. When the shell burst in the boiler, it threw both the furnace doors open and the fuse from the shell struck at my feet. Two pieces of the shell also came out of the door, and I am taking them home with me as souvenirs of the war. It was a terrible crash and report altogether, and the boiler room was filled with dust and steam. For several seconds I was partially stunned, and my cars rang so I could hear nothing. I went upon the deck to report to Captain Bernadou."

"What did you say to him?"

"I saw him near the fore-castle gun limping about with a towel bound about his left leg. He was shouting and the noise of all the guns was like continuous thunder. "Captain," I shouted, the forward boiler is disabled. A shell has gone through her.

"Get out the hose, he said, and turned to the gun again. I went back into the boiler room and in a few minutes I went up on the deck again and the fighting had grown hotter than ever. Several of the men were missing and I look-

went up on the deck again and the fight-ing had grown botter than ever. Sev-ern of the men were missing and I look-ed around. Lying in a heap on the af-ter deck in the starboard quarter, near the after coming tower, I saw five of our men where they had wilted down after the shell had struck them. In other places were men lying groaning or dragging themselves about wounded and covered with blood. The deck had blood on it, and it was strewn with fragments and splinters. I went over where the five men were lying in a heap ragments and spinters. I went over where the five men were lying in a heap and saw that they were not all dead. John Meek could speak and move one of his hands slightly. I went up to him and I put my face down close to his.

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"'Can I do anything for you, John?' I asked, and he replied, 'No, Jack, I'm dying; good-bye,' and he asked me to grasp his hand. 'Go help there,' he whispered, gazing with fixed eyes where Captain Bernadou was still firing the forward gun. The next minute he was dead. He was my friend"—and there was a pause in O'Hearn's story.

"Ensign Bagley," he continued, after a little, "was lying at the bottom badly torn to pieces, and the bodies of the other three were on top of his. The colored cook was lying a little apart from the others, badly mangled and in a cramped position. We supposed he was dead, and covered him up the same as the others. Nearly half an hour after that we heard him calling and making a slight movement under the cloth. We went to him and he send. 'Oh how. 'Go slight movement under the cloth. We vent to him and he said, 'Oh, boys, for dod's sake move me. I'm lying over the poller and burning up.' It was time: the deck was very hot and his flesh had

turn to some place in the navy after it lew weeks' rest in Brooklyn.

FOUR CHILDREN DROWNED

In Fishing Creek, a bove New Mariinsville, The Bodies Recovered Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., May 20 .- Yesterday evening four school chil dren were drowned in Fishing creek about fifteen miles from here. They were coming home from school

and were crossing the creek with five other children from the same school, in a "Johnboat," which being overloaded capsized and threw all of them out into

Five were saved. Two were children of Oliver Cochran, one boy and one girl, one a son of Henry King, and a son of Henry Richmond. When the bodles were recovered the children were found locked in each other's arms.

\ BIG OIL DEALS.

Burnsdall Sells a Big Interest and Buy Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 20 .-An important deal for valuable oil propdall buying Mallory Bros. half interest in their rich Whiskey run holdings, in Richie county. The price paid for the interest was \$75,000. The property consists of 417 acres on which there are sists of 417 acres on which there are seven producing wells and three drilling wells.

wells.

The property is the richest in this very prolific field, and includes the Abicht. Bumgardner and other farms, both of which have produced gushers of a remarkable size.

Mr. Barnsdall on Monday said all of his interests in the Odgen field extension in Wood causity expectation.

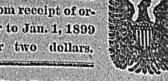
in Wood county, consisting of 297 acres with eleven producing wells, to the South Penn Oil Company for \$115,000. Laugher Into Eternity.

JOLIETTE, Quebec, May 20.-Thomas Nulty, who in November last killed his three sisters and young brother at "I am the water tender," he said, "and
"I am the water tender," he said, "and
"I place was below, but everybody
"I am the water tender," he said, "and feel laughing and jeering men witnessed the hanging.

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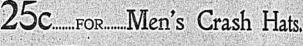
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